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March 14, 2006

Chris Huckleberry
Office of Congresswoman Darlene Hooley
2430 Rayburn house Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Appropriations Request Form—FY 2007

Dear Mr. Huckleberry:

Under cover of this fax you will find an Appropriations Request Form—FY 2007 completed by the cities of Tillamook and Bay City. The appropriation request covers the installation costs of connecting the two water distribution systems.

Included in the faxed materials are letters of support the cities of Bay City and Tillamook, Tillamook County Creamery Association, and Tillamook County. It is important to note that the letter of support from the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners and ten other local governing agencies reflects this projects selection for inclusion on Tillamook County's short list of funding priorities for FY 2007.

If you have any questions about this project, or appropriations request form please give me a call (503) 815-1338, or email me sreiersgaard@tillamookcheese.com.

Sincerely,

Shawn Reiersgaard
Director of Environmental and Political Affairs

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM—FY 2007

Submitted to: Office of Congresswoman Darlene Hooley (OR-5)
Contact: Chris Huckleberry
202.225.5711 phone 202.225.5699 fax
huck@mail.house.gov
Deadline for Submittal: February 28, 2006

Project title:

Bay City-Tillamook Water System Intertie

Grant recipient name and address:

City Recorder
City of Bay City
5525 B Street
Bay City, OR 97107

Contact name, phone number, and email:

Director of Public Works
(503) 377-4121 phone
jlaw@ci.bay-city.or.us

Describe the organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for profit entity:

The Bay City-Tillamook Water System Intertie project seeks to connect the water distribution systems of two adjacent municipalities to protect the community by providing backup capacity and enhanced infrastructure. Connecting the two systems will supply potable water to the larger community in the event of terrorist activity, catastrophic fires and natural disasters.

Bay City and the City of Tillamook are equal partners in this project. However, for the sake of clarity the City of Bay City is serving as project manager and grant recipient.

Briefly describe the project for which funding is requested:

This project seeks to improve and protect the infrastructure of the water distribution systems that serve the cities of Tillamook and Bay City; including the associated non-incorporated areas currently served by these cities. Currently, the water distribution systems of both cities are separate. If the existing water distribution lines, well heads, or water treatment plant fail due to tsunami, landslide, or mechanical breakdown large portions of the coastal community will be without safe drinking water.

To protect the water supply of both cities, and to provide a source of emergency drinking water for communities as distant as Neskowin and Manzanita, this grant proposal seeks to link the water distribution system of the city of Tillamook and the City of Bay City. In 2004 the two cities and the Tillamook County Creamery Association completed the project design and developed cost estimates for linking the two water distribution systems.

A key feature of this design is that the waterline linking the two distribution systems will be installed under the riverbed as opposed to the standard method of crossing a river attached to a highway bridge. Installing the waterline under the riverbed increases the probability of the connection surviving an earthquake, tsunami, or catastrophic flood. It also prevents the project from having to be relocated in the future due to proposed Highway 101 improvements.

Is this a new project?

The Bay City-Tillamook Water System Intertie project is not a new project. This project was conceived in 2002 following a catastrophic water distribution line failure. To develop this project the City of Tillamook, the City of Bay City received a *Special Public Works Program Financial Assistance Award Contract for Technical Assistance Grant*. This grant was used to develop the plans, specifications, and budget to connect the two water distribution systems. The Tillamook County Creamery Association participated in this effort by providing the required financial match.

Description of projects legal authorization:

Not applicable

Federal agency and account from which funds are requested:

HUD/EDI account or EPA STAG account

What is the national significance of the project, and what specific federal responsibility does the funding of this project or activity advance?

Not applicable

Will funding also be sought by another Congressional member? If so, who?

No

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Funding Details

I. Total project cost:

\$ 208,425

II. FY 2007 federal request:

\$ 208,425

III. Amounts of request and funding in previous years:

\$208,452 was requested in 2006. No funding was earmarked for this project.

IV. Amounts to be expected in future years:

None, this is a one time project.

V. Breakdown of the amount requesting for this project in FY 2007.

City of Bay City	
Utility Earthwork	\$ 18,800
Waterlines, fittings,	\$115,900
Site improvements	<u>\$ 18,775</u>
Total	\$183,995

City of Tillamook	
Waterlines, fittings,	\$ 12,430
Labor	<u>\$ 12,000</u>
Total	\$ 24,430

VI. Description of local, regional and or state support for this project.

This project has been supported by the state of Oregon through the Special Public Works Program Financial Assistance Award Contract for Technical Assistance Grant. The Cities of Bay City and Tillamook each received a grant in the amount of \$10,000 to be used to develop the engineering for the project. The Tillamook County Creamery Association provided the match for the project in excess of \$29,500.

VII. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project:

Tillamook County Creamery Association
Tillamook Country Smoker
City of Bay City
City of Tillamook
Tillamook County Commissioners

VIII. Is this project scalable?

This project is scalable.

CITY OF TILLAMOOK

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January 27, 2006

The Honorable Darlene Hooley
Congresswoman
Oregon's Fifth Congressional District
2430 Rayburn House Bldg
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Support for a project to inter-tie the potable water distribution lines of the cities of Bay City and Tillamook

Dear Congresswomen Hooley:

Please accept this letter of support from the City of Tillamook for the above referenced project. Here is a brief outline of the project. Neither Bay City nor Tillamook has a good back up system in case of damage to their respective water systems. There are food processing businesses in, or served by, both communities in addition to approximately 8,000 citizens and the Port of Tillamook Bay industrial park. Both cities believe that constructing an inter-tie between their water systems would provide added security to their system delivery capability.

Thank you for your support of this very important project.

Sincerely,



Mark Gervasi
Tillamook City Manager



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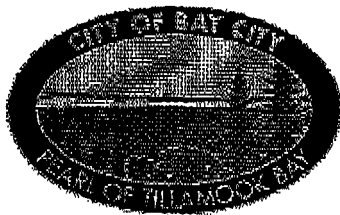
Re: Support for an earmark request to construct an intertie between the water distribution systems of the cities of Tillamook and Bay City.

Dear Representative Hooley:

The cities of Tillamook and Bay City have completed the engineering on a project that will link the water distributions system of the two cities. Linking the two water distribution systems helps provide our community with adequate and safe water in the event of natural disaster, terrorist activities, large structure fires, and catastrophic infrastructure failure. On behalf of the Tillamook County Creamery Association I urge you to seek an earmark request in the 2007 budget for the construction of the engineered intertie.

Sincerely,

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TDD 7-1-1

January 27, 2006

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley
2430 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Bay City-Tillamook Water System Intertie

Dear Congresswoman Hooley:

This is a letter of support for the Bay City-Tillamook Water System Intertie. Providing a reliable and sustainable source of potable water to the citizens, businesses and industrial users in the City of Bay City and the City of Tillamook, as well as certain unincorporated rural areas surrounding these cities is one of the most important responsibilities of county and city government.

The Bay City Kilchis Regional Water District together with four rural water districts serve a population of 1,930 plus the Tillamook Creamery Association, the Tillamook Country Smoker and Pacific Oyster, the three major industrial users and largest private employers. The City of Tillamook Water Department serves a population of 4,400 plus an extensive business community. In an emergency situation, this intertie will allow potable water from either or both water systems to be used to provide a sustainable water supply to a total population of 6,330.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Shaena E. Peterson
Mayor

cc: County Commissioner Tim Josi
County Commissioner Mark Labhart
County Commissioner Chuck Hurliman

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Mark Gervasi
Tillamook City Manager



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Tillamook County Commissioners
Tim Josi, Mark Labhart, Charles Hurliman
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TTY Oregon Relay Service

February 14, 2006

The Honorable Darlene Hooley
2430 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Tillamook County Funding Priorities
for Fiscal Year 2007

Dear Representative Hooley:

The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners and other local government agencies are pleased to present a united and comprehensive presentation to you and Congress again this year. Some of the requests may be presented to you in person by delegates from the various entities which have signed below, but we have coordinated our requests prior to their departure for Washington, D.C.

The top three priorities for 2006-07 projects for Tillamook County are:

Implementation of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Tillamook Bay Projects.

Funding Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Requesting Entity: Tillamook Bay Habitat & Estuary Improvement District, Tillamook Estuary Partnership & Tillamook County. Amount Requested: \$5 million.

Comments: The Tillamook Bay is a federally designated (EPA) "estuary of national significance" as defined under Section 320 of the Clean Water Act. Since European settlement the Tillamook Bay has lost over 85% of its inter-tidal wetlands resulting in reduced habitat and increased flood damage.

In 2003 Tillamook County acquired the last of three properties encompassing 375 acres on the upper Tillamook Bay for the purpose of ecosystem restoration and flood mitigation. Following acquisition, Tillamook County partnered with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and a team of local stakeholders to

complete restoration engineering for this area. This project was called "The Tillamook Bay and Estuary Feasibility Study". The final phase of this flood mitigation/habitat improvement effort requires \$5 million for full-scale restoration of the site as described in the study.

The study recommends the earmark of funds under Section 206 (Continuing Authorities Program) of the 1996 Water Resources Development Act (PL 104-303) or Section 536 (Lower Columbia and Tillamook Bay Ecosystem Restoration) of the 2000 Water Resources Development Act (PL 106-054).

Repair & Restoration of the Tillamook Jetties. Funding Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance. Requesting Entity: Port of Garibaldi and Tillamook County. Amount Requested: \$1.5 million. Comments: Continued deterioration of the North and South jetties is a danger to navigation and has resulted in loss of life. The U.S. Coast Guard is adding a third 47-foot rescue boat and is very concerned about the hazards that this deterioration presents to them and the commercial and recreational boaters. Congress has provided funding to complete a study and build a revetment to protect the North Jetty root during violent Pacific storms. In the 2006 budget year, Congress provided \$1.35 million to purchase much of the rock needed to repair the North Jetty. We now request \$1.5 million for FY 2007 to complete the purchase of the rock for the restoration and repair of the North Jetty.

Port of Tillamook Bay Railroad Trestle Rehabilitation. Funding Source: Transportation Appropriations Bill, Surface Transportation Program. Requesting Entity: Port of Tillamook Bay. Amount Requested: \$1,500,000. Comments: Funding is requested to rehabilitate 85 timber pile trestles over a 90 mile railroad line that was built in 1914. Failure of a single bridge will result in putting over 24,000 semi-trucks on county roads and highway annually, creating damage to the road system of \$1,000,000 annually and increasing the consumption of diesel fuel. This increased cost of transportation will impact the viability of the local mills to compete in the lumber industry.

The following three programs are also strong priorities for the citizens of Tillamook County. We, the undersigned, appreciate your efforts on our behalf.

Tillamook County Library Security System. Funding Source: Library of Congress. Amount requested: \$196,000. Requesting Entity: Tillamook County Library. Comments: The Library is building a new Main Library. The

Library passed a \$3.7 million bond in September 2003. Due to the 2004 Tsunami in Southeast Asia, building costs rose approximately 30% in 2005. The Tillamook County Library Foundation has the responsibility to do the fundraising. Funding for the security system being requested is needed for the new Main Library but, could not be included in the bond amount or fundraising. This security system consists of a bar code to be placed on library materials

that would trigger beeping sounds when a patron leaves with items not properly checked out.

Tillamook Lightwave Phase II Fiber-optic "Middle Mile" Network. Funding Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Amount Requested: \$600,000. Requesting Entity: Tillamook Lightwave IGA (TLW). Comments: \$400,000 was previously received from HHS for Phase I, which was used to develop and complete the installation of a fiber-optic connection within the City of Tillamook, north to Rockaway Beach, and south to South Prairie Elementary School. The request for Phase II is to construct a fiber-optic connection from South Prairie Elementary School south to Neskowin, located at the south end of the county. This will provide service to medical and educational facilities, and local government and businesses.

Water Intertie between the Cities of Bay City and Tillamook. Funding Source: HUD EDI or EPS STAG. Requesting Entity: Bay City and the City of Tillamook. Amount Requested: \$208,425.

Comments: The Bay City-Tillamook Water System Intertie projects seeks to connect the water distribution systems of two adjacent municipalities to protect the community by providing backup water capacity and enhanced distribution infrastructure. Connecting the two systems will supply potable water to both cities and the larger community in the event of terrorist activity, catastrophic fires and natural disasters. Bay City and the City of Tillamook are equal partners in this project, with Bay City serving as the project administrator.

All of the above projects are in keeping with the visioning process conducted by the Tillamook County Futures Council, which is also a signatory on this letter.

We, the undersigned, endorse these projects and are confident our delegations to Washington D.C. will most ably speak on behalf of the people of Tillamook County.

Sincerely,

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TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON**


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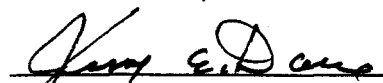

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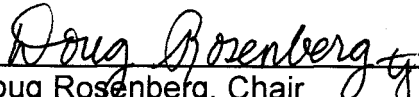
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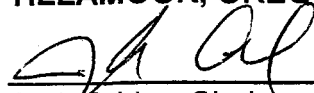
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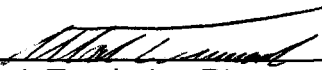
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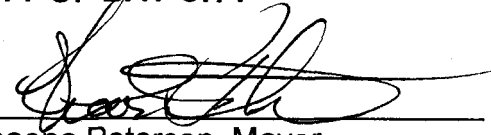
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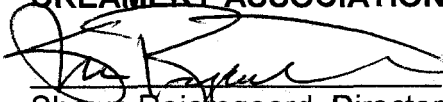
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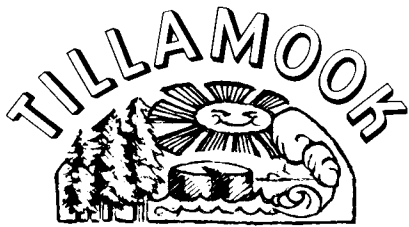
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of Environmental & Political
Affairs

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Tillamook County Farm Bureau

March 6, 2006

*Land of Cheese,
Trees and Ocean Breeze*

Representative Darlene Hooley
2430 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Tillamook County, Oregon, Funding Priorities for Fiscal Year 2007

First, Tillamook County Farm Bureau wishes to emphasize the first item on the Tillamook County Commissioners Priority List dated Feb. 14, 2006, is "Implementation of US Army Corps of Engineers Tillamook Bay Projects." This project needs to be funded in 2007 for completion soon thereafter.

Second, the Tillamook County Farm Bureau supports the Tillamook Bay Habitat and Estuary Improvement District and the Kilchis River Pilot Project. They have obtained permits from Tillamook County and the Oregon Department of State Lands to remove gravel from the lower end of the Kilches River only to be denied a permit from the US Army Corps. The rivers are cutting new channels because the present channels are filling with gravel. It is time the US Army Corps, USF&W and NMFS allow local people to protect their property and assure no loss of life from flooding. Gravel removal will help assure deeper, cooler water as returning fish move from the bay into the rivers as well as offering more protection for the young fish that must leave the rivers for their life in the Ocean.

We need your help, Representative Hooley, to convince the US Army Corps to implement the county's project and to allow our Tillamook Bay Habitat & Estuary Improvement District to begin the Kilchis River gravel removal project as two small steps in flood control in the Tillamook Bay Watershed.

Whereas, the County #1 project requires \$5 Million in Federal funds, we want to emphasize that the Kilchis project has no cost to the Federal, State or County government. No taxpayer money will be involved.

Thank you for your attention to these two Tillamook area projects, in particular.

Orla Chaswick

Richard Obrist

Richard Obrist, President
Tillamook County Farm Bureau
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Hooley's visit brings big check to help fix jetty

BY KEN O'TOOLE
Headlight-Herald Staff

TILLAMOOK — It was a big check that represented a big deal to Tillamook County.

When U.S. Rep. Darlene Hooley came to Tillamook last Thursday, she presented to county and Port of Garibaldi officials a reminder — in the form of a large ceremonial, cardboard check for \$1,350,000 — of the federal appropriation that had been approved last month for the purchase of half of the special boulders needed for rehabilitation of the deteriorating North Jetty of Tillamook Bay.

Although complete restoration of the jetty will cost an estimated \$16 million-plus, securing federal funding of half the rock for the jetty is considered by county officials to be a promising start. Requests will go in this year for funding for additional rock, and then for placement of the rock the following year.

The special hard-density rocks necessary for withstanding the pounding surf weigh some 35,000 pounds each, and are about the size of Volkswagens, according to Port of Garibaldi Manager Don Bacon. They will have to be

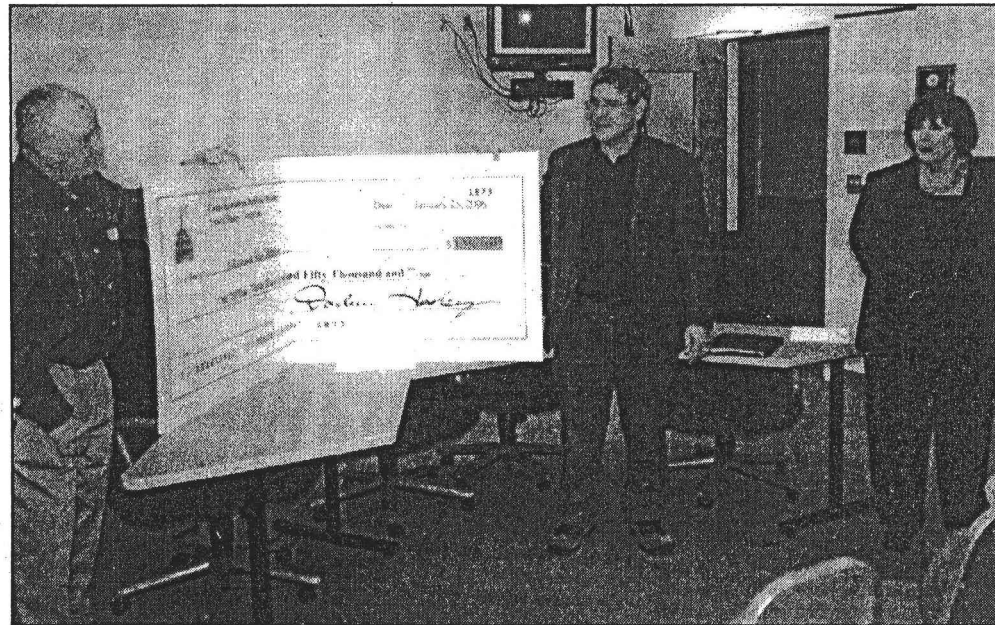
delivered one per truck, he said.

Funding for the jetty rock was at the top of a wish list submitted by county entities, prioritizing local preferences for county-wide project funding in a consolidated list submitted to the congressional delegation.

"What a tremendous community you have," Hooley told a packed meeting room at Tillamook PUD. She said this kind of funding is only possible when a community pulls together on priorities for funding. "You do a fabulous job," she said.

She pointed to another example of Tillamook County's cohesiveness. She recently stopped at the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Honolulu, Hawaii, she said. When they learned that she represents this part of Oregon, "the first words out of their mouths was that 'Tillamook County was the first county to be tsunami ready.' For them to talk about your county was fantastic — because you had your act together."

On another front, Hooley reminded her audience that in two and a half years, the American military death toll has mounted to more than 2,200 lives. She said that while she was among those who "voted against the war," she said she



HEADLIGHT-HERALD PHOTO

Displaying a replica check for \$1,350,000, representing federal funding to help pay for part of the rock to fix the North Jetty are, from left, Port of Garibaldi Manager Don Bacon, County Commission Chair Tim Josi and U.S. Rep. Darlene Hooley.

has voted in support for the budget to supply the troops, "to help keep them safe while they're there."

Also important, she said, is to "help integrate them when they come back home."

In her view, the troops should "do what we can do to support

their (Iraq's) police officers and army, but we shouldn't be there forever." She said she has no timetable, but that the aim should be to "do what we can" to get the troops home.

Hooley has regularly touched on health care issues in her Tillamook visits. This time was

no exception.

"For the first time, I see people willing to talk about some kind of (national) system," she said, adding that a "healthy debate" on the subject is ahead.

On other issues, Hooley said:

- Education — "The federal government needs to live up to

its commitment." In the No Child Left Behind requirements, she said, "we (the federal government) have paid some, but not covered the cost."

- Disaster response — The federal government's response to Hurricane Katrina "was less than perfect," she said. "Four months later, not very many people have moved back to New Orleans."

In addition, she said, "we starved the (U.S. Army) Corps of Engineers, so repairs needed on the levies weren't made. So we made it much worse by not spending the money to fix it in the first place."

Talk in Tillamook County never strays far from flooding. Commissioner Tim Josi observed that much of the problem lies in the materials accumulating at the lower end of rivers flowing into Tillamook Bay. Hooley said she would be willing to set up a meeting between a county group and Corps representatives to review dredging issues.

- Medicare's Prescription Drug Plan — It is a confusing plan with numerous options and rules, Hooley said, adding that she would prefer that "glitches" in the plan be worked out before imposing a deadline for registration.

KILCHIS RIVER PILOT PROJECT PERMITS CHRONOLOGY

1999 - Nov. 22 Boquist & adjacent landowners 1st meeting with NRCS, SWCD,
Tillamook Bay Watershed Council

RESTORATION PROJECT

2000 - July 24 GWEB Grant Application & permit applications – 30,000cy
County Permit #DP-00-15, DSL #SP-22850, Corps #200000689
Prepared by Tillamook Bay Watershed Council Co-ordinator

Oct. 26 Corps/agency recommendation to deny permit

2001 - Jan. 25 permit application withdrawal by Boquist
Response to DSL & Corps/agency denials

2003 – April 29 TBHEID Project Adoption
Pre-Project development with County & Congressional representatives,
TEP/NEP, SWCD/NRCS

FLOOD PROJECT

2004 - Feb. 23 Joint Permit, Corps #200300264 & DSL: #30289-RF – 26,500cy

1) Bub Boquist & adjacent landowners, 2) TBHEID

Prepared by NRCS-SWCD Offices

March 11 Public Notice, Corps #200000689

March 23 DSL notice of incomplete permit application

March 25 completed permit, Corps #200300264 & DSL #30289-RF 26,500cy

April 28 DSL # change to #31729-RF

May 20 Corps/agency recommendation of permit denial

May 26 DSL notice of completed permit application

June 22 County Permit Approval, DP-04-03 – 26,500cy

20 conditions

Aug. 13 Corps permit denial recommendation, incomplete application

Followed May 20 USFW permit denial recommendation

Sept. 17 County Permit Amended – 27,700cy

2005 – March 18 Corps permit incomplete, #200000689, 8 requests for information
amended DSL-Corps (joint) permit application, DSL changes,
TBHEID only applicant

1st DSL permit issued, #31729-RF, 32 conditions, 60,000cy, 3 yrs.

March 23 amended County Permit Application by TBHEID – 60,000cy

April 5 official withdrawal by Corps of TBHEID's 2/23/05 & 9/10/04 app.'s

April 8 DSL Modified Permit issued, #31729-RF-Modified, 32 conditions,
60,000cy, 3 years (20,000cy/yr)

Corps application modified

May 10 TBHEID additional Corps information, 8 requests submitted

May 20 County permit approval, DP-05-05, 17 conditions, 60,000 cy, 3 years

July 20 TBHEID additional info submitted to Corps, county surveyor x-sections

Aug 22 Corps public review, completed permit application

Oct 7 Corps-agency recommendation to deny permit

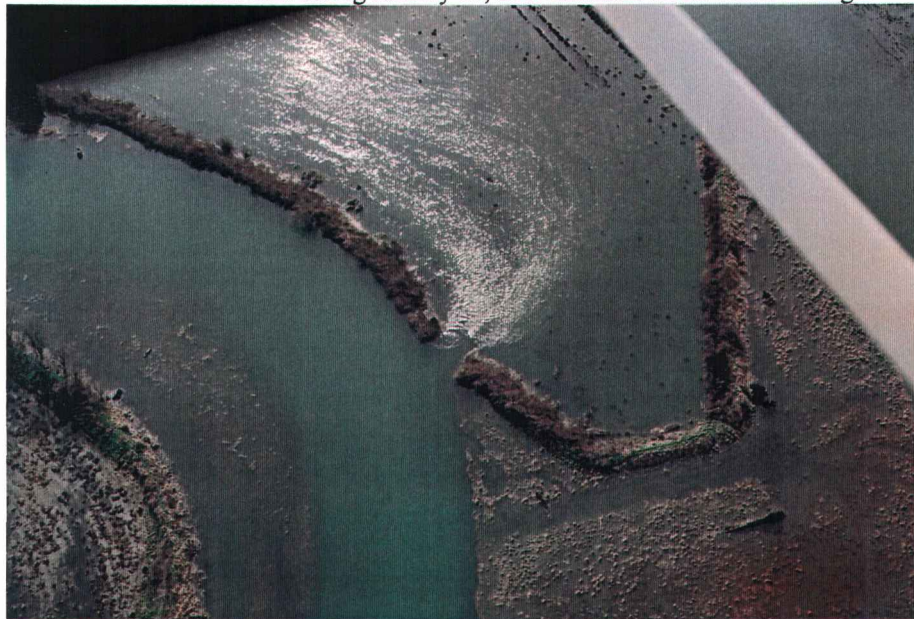
Nov. 10 final comments submitted by TBHEID

Nov 30 Corps permit denied

Tillamook County 2006 Farm Land Nuisance Flood



Aerial view of farm land during January 10, 2006 nuisance flood. Photo: Gienger



One of two levee breaches on Squeedunk Slough, a side channel of the Kilchis River.
Photo: Gienger, Jan. 2006



Salt water destroyed farm land from breached levees. Photo: Gienger, Jan. 2006



Highway 101 at Shilo Inn and Fred Meyer. Wilson River flood, 1998-99. *& Jan. 2006*
 City of Tillamook, Tillamook County. photo: Don Best



Back of Fred Meyer. 1996 flood at Wilson River and Highway 101.
 City of Tillamook, Tillamook County. photo: Don Best



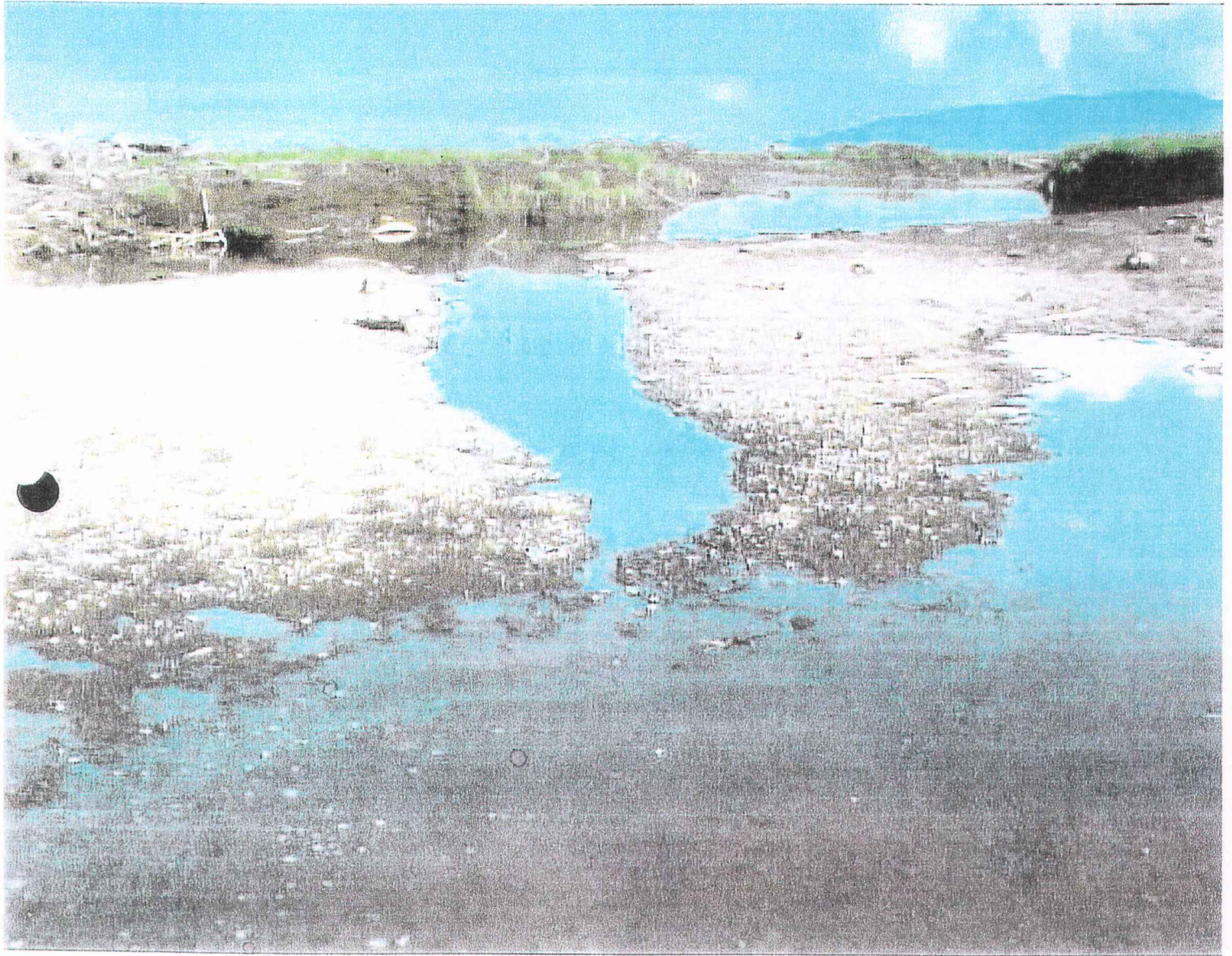
North City of Tillamook, Tillamook County. November 1999 flood

photo: Don Best



City of Tillamook, Tillamook County, November 1999 flood

photo: Don Best



BIG CUT WILSON RIVER @ BAY---MAY 2000
[USED TO BE MAIN CHANNEL]